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BOROUGH OF WESTON-SUPER-MARE

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR
1969

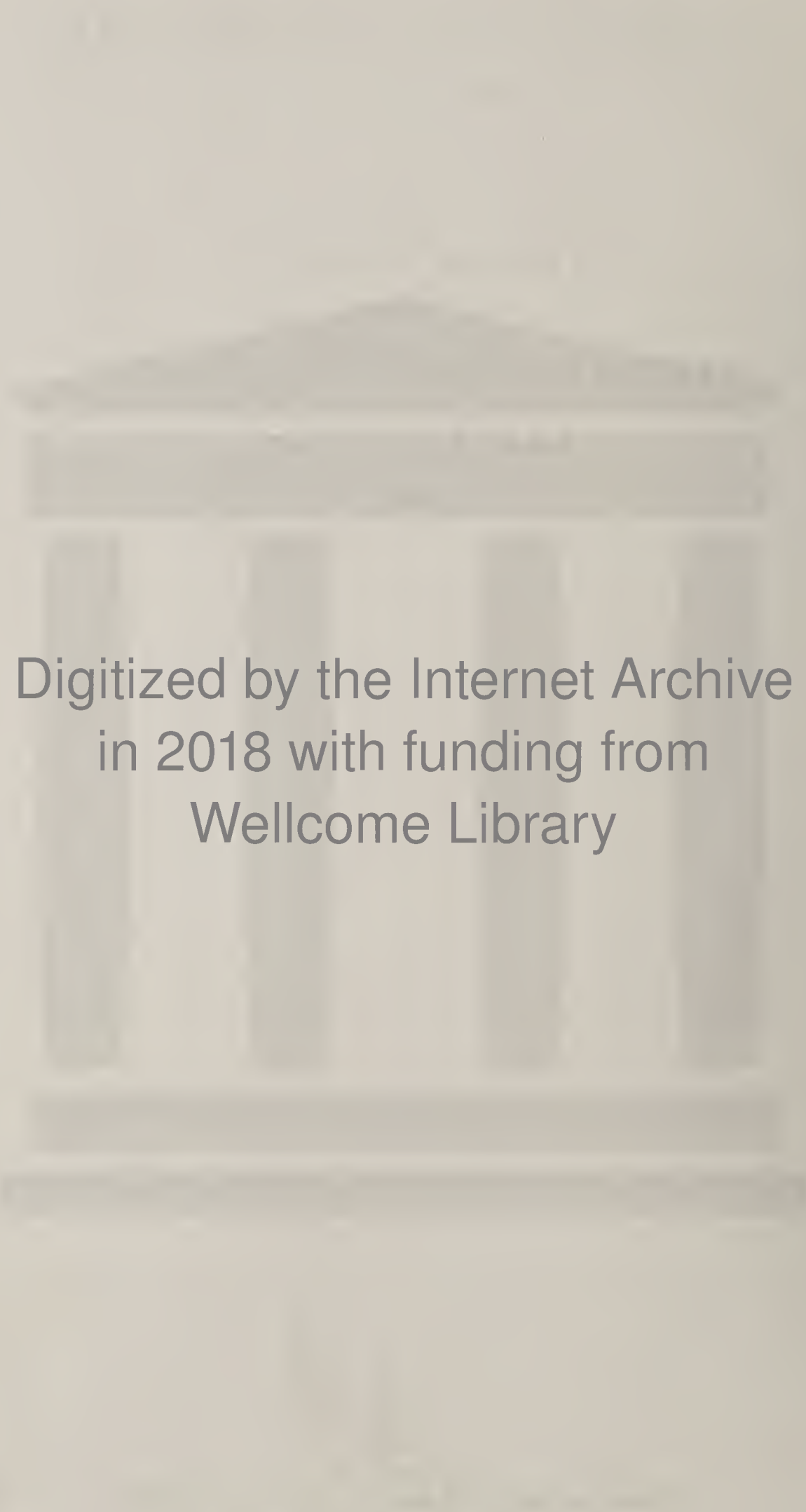
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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
SOMERSET HOUSE,
OXFORD STREET,
WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of
The Borough of Weston-super-Mare.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report on the health of the Borough, and the work of the Public Health Department in 1969.

I would like to express my appreciation to Mr. Lawrence, the Chief Public Health Inspector, and the other Inspectors for their help and co-operation during the year. I would also like to thank the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee and the Officers and Staff of other Departments for their advice and assistance.

Yours faithfully,

D. McGowan

Medical Officer of Health

S U M M A R Y O F S T A T I S T I C S

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (including foreshore) 7,006 acres

Population - Registrar-General's estimate for mid-1969 47,960

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1969

<u>Live Births</u>		Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	... ..	264	271	535
Illegitimate	... ..	27	26	53
		<u>291</u>	<u>297</u>	<u>588</u>

Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 population) = 12.3

Corrected Birth Rate (Comparability Factor 1.20) = 14.8

Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births = 9.0%

<u>Stillbirths</u>		Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	... ..	6	1	7
Illegitimate	... ..	-	1	1
		<u>6</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>

Stillbirth Rate (per 1,000 live and stillbirths) = 13.0

Total live and stillbirths 596

<u>Infant Deaths</u> (Deaths under 1 year)		Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	... ..	7	3	10
Illegitimate	... ..	2	-	2
		<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>12</u>

Infant Mortality Rates

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births = 20

Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births = 19

Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births = 38

Neonatal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 4 weeks
per 1,000 total live births) = 12

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate (Deaths under
1 week per 1,000 live births) = 9

Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths and Deaths
under 1 week per 1,000 live and stillbirths) = 22

Maternal Deaths = Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live and stillbirths) = Nil

<u>Deaths</u> - All ages	Male	Female	Total
	352	480	832

Crude Death Rate (per 1,000 population) = 17.3

Corrected Death Rate (Comparability Factor 0.62) = 10.7

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

The Registrar-General gives the corrected number of live births in the town as 588 (291 boys and 297 girls), this being 100 less than in 1968. Of these births, 53 were illegitimate. This is 9.0 per cent of the total live births, as compared with 10.0 per cent in 1968.

The uncorrected birth rate for 1969 was 12.3 and when the comparability factor (1.20) is applied, the corrected birth rate was 14.8 per 1,000 of the total population, compared with 17.3 in 1968. The birth rate for England and Wales in 1969 was 16.3.

BIRTH RATES

YEAR	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
England and Wales	17.1	17.4	18.0	18.2	18.4	18.1	17.7	17.2	16.9	16.3
Weston-super-Mare	16.7	14.8	16.8	16.9	19.2	19.3	18.1	18.3	17.3	14.8
Percentage of Illegitimate Births to Total Births in Weston-super-Mare	5.7	5.8	7.1	7.0	7.4	6.5	7.0	9.0	10.0	9.0

STILLBIRTHS

The registered number of stillbirths in 1969 was 8 (6 males and 2 females), one of which was illegitimate, thus giving a stillbirth rate of 13.0 per 1,000 total births, as compared with 14.3 in 1968.

INFANT MORTALITY

Twelve deaths occurred in children under the age of one year in 1969 compared with nine in 1968. These twelve deaths give an Infant Mortality Rate of 20 per 1,000 live births, the Rate for England and Wales as a whole being 18.0. Five of the twelve deaths occurred during the first week after birth. The Perinatal Mortality (Deaths of Infants during the first week after birth plus stillbirths) was 22.0 per 1,000 live and stillbirths, compared with 23.0 for England and Wales as a whole.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were no deaths due to maternal causes in 1969.

DEATHS

After correction for transferable deaths the total assigned to the Borough by the Registrar-General was 832 (352 males and 480 females). This is 10 more than in 1968 and gives a crude death rate of 17.3 per 1,000 of population. When adjusted for age and sex distribution to make it comparable with other districts, the local death rate was 10.7 compared with 11.9 for England and Wales as a whole.

DEATH RATES

YEAR	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
England and Wales	11.5	12.0	11.9	12.2	11.3	11.5	11.7	11.2	11.9	11.9
Corrected D.R. Weston-super-Mare	11.2	11.7	11.2	11.1	10.2	11.1	12.3	10.4	10.8	10.7

AGE AND SEX DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS, 1969

<u>Age</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under 1	9	3	12
1 - 4	4	2	6
5 - 14	1	1	2
15 - 24	3	1	4
25 - 34	3	-	3
35 - 44	4	7	11
45 - 54	26	11	37
55 - 64	50	39	89
65 - 74	107	101	208
75 +	145	315	460
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Total	352	480	832

INQUESTS ON RESIDENTS

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Natural Causes</u>	1	-	1
<u>Accidents, directly or indirectly</u>			
Fire in Home	-	2	2
Fall in Home	-	3	3
Road Accident	4	2	6
Drowning	2	-	2
Fall in Hospital	1	-	1
Cot Asphyxia	1	-	1
Fall outside Home	2	-	2
<u>Suicide</u>			
Coal Gas Poisoning	2	-	2
Self-inflicted injury	1	-	1
<u>Open Verdict</u>			
Barbiturate Poisoning	1	1	2
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Total	15	8	23

CAUSES OF DEATH - 1969

Cause of Death	SEX	Total all Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 & under 1 year	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75+
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	M	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other Tuberculosis, incl. late effects	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal cavity, etc.	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-
	F	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
	F	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	5	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	8	8	-
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	5	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-
Leukaemia	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	14	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	4	-
	F	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	7	-
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diabetes Mellitus	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
	F	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	-
Other endocrine, etc. diseases	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anaemias	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Other Diseases of Blood, etc.	M	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other diseases of Nervous System, etc.	M	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
	F	10	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart disease	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Hypertensive Disease	M	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
	F	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	109	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	20	39	-
	F	106	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	8	28	-
Other forms of Heart Disease	M	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	-
	F	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	-
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	2	5	-
	F	93	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	8	15	-
Other diseases of Circulatory System	M	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	7	-
	F	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Influenza	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Pneumonia	M	17	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	4	-
	F	49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-
Bronchitis & Emphysema	M	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	9	-
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other diseases of Respiratory system	M	7	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Peptic Ulcer	M	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Intestinal Obstruction & Hernia	M	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Cirrhosis of Liver	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

USES OF DEATH (contd.)		Total Under 4 Weeks 1- 5- 15- 25- 35- 45- 55- 65- 75+												
SEX		all	4	& under										
		Ages Weeks 1 year												
her diseases of Digestive	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4
system	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
phritis & Nephrosis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
perplasia of Prostate	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
her diseases, Genito-urinary	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
system	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2
seases of Musculo-Skeletal	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
system	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
ngenital Anomalies	M	4	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
her causes of Perinatal	M	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mortality	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ptoms and Ill-defined	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
conditions	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
tor Vehicle Accidents	M	4	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
	F	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
1 Other Accidents	M	5	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1
	F	7	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5
icide and Self-Inflicted	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1
Injuries	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 Other External Causes	M	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
<u>TOTAL ALL CAUSES</u>		M	352	4	5	4	1	3	3	4	26	50	107	145
		F	480	3	-	2	1	1	-	7	11	39	101	315

POPULATION

REGISTRAR-GENERAL'S ESTIMATE OF POPULATION

IN WESTON-SUPER-MARE 1940 - 1969

(1931 Census	31,706)	1954	...	39,990	
1940	...	41,810	1955	...	40,330
1941	...	44,500	1956	...	40,300
1942	...	41,250	1957	...	40,600
1943	...	38,100	1958	...	40,800
1944	...	37,930	1959	...	41,150
1945	...	37,470	1960	...	41,110
1946	...	38,890	1961	...	42,450
1947	...	39,590	(1961 Census	43,938)	
1948	...	39,710	1962	...	42,750
1949	...	39,830	1963	...	43,150
1950	...	40,210	1964	...	43,620
1951	...	39,660	1965	...	43,910
(1951 Census	40,396)	1966	...	43,910	
1952	...	39,540	1967	...	44,170
1953	...	39,650	1968	...	47,790
			1969	...	47,960

GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES

I. LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SERVICES

The following services in the Borough are administered by the Somerset County Council.

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS

Health Clinics for children under the age of five years are held at:-

St. Barnabas Church, Westbury Crescent	Mondays 2.30 - 4.0 p.m. (1st and 3rd in month)
Bournville Public Hall, Coniston Crescent	Mondays 2.15 - 4.0 p.m. (2nd and 4th in month)
Congregational Church Hall, Boulevard	Tuesdays 2.15 - 4.0 p.m.
Baptist Church Hall, Baytree Road	Wednesdays 2.15 - 4.0 p.m.
St. Martins Church Hall, Worle	Thursdays 2.15 - 4.0 p.m. (1st in each month)
Congregational Church Hall, Moorland Road	Thursdays 2.15 - 4.0 p.m. (2nd and 4th in month)

CHILD HEALTH CLINIC ATTENDANCES 1969

	Total attendance of children in 1969	Average number of attendances at each session
Central	2210	42.5
Baytree Road	2498	48.0
Worle	379	31.5
Moorland Road	501	23.8
Bournville	546	23.7
Coronation	855	38.8
TOTAL	6989	

HEALTH VISITING SERVICE

There are eight Health Visitors in the town, and the following is a summary of the Home Visiting work in 1969.

Visits to Ante-natal cases	...	...	...	...	...	...	399
Visits to children under 5 years	...	...	...	...	...	...	9876
Visits to school children	...	...	...	...	...	...	683
Visits to old people	...	...	...	...	...	...	1370
Visits - Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Visits - Liaison - e.g. Hospitals, Children's Officer and other Departments							4603
Other Visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	1445

18,384

II. LOCAL AUTHORITY SERVICES

WATER SUPPLIES

During the year the water supply of the town was satisfactory, both in quality and quantity. 42 samples of untreated water and 105 samples of treated water were examined bacteriologically. The actual fluoride content of the water supplies to the Borough is either nil or a negligible quantity.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Extensions of sewers, new works or improvements during the year:-

(a) <u>Completed</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Improvements to sewerage system at Uphill	£31,320
Madam Rhyne Improvement Scheme	£2,600
(b) <u>In Progress</u>	
Milton Green Sewer Extension	£66,520
(c) <u>Future Proposals</u>	<u>Approx. Cost</u>
Extension of sewer at Shelley Rd. to serve land at Winterstoke Road	£12,500
Lawrence Road Surface Water Sewer	£6,000
Devonshire Road Sewer Relining	£90,000

HOUSING

During 1969 the Local Authority erected 176 houses. At the end of the year 252 were in course of erection. Private enterprise built 207 houses in 1969 compared with 294 in 1968. In addition, 20 flats or dwellings were gained from conversion of larger houses.

Applications for Council Houses at end of year:-	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
(a) Urgent bona fide cases	605	922
(b) Applications for Old People's dwellings	238	202* (included in 922)
(c) Others	338	362
Total	<u>1181</u>	<u>1284</u>

The number of Permanent Dwellings in the Borough as at 31.12.69 was as follows:-

(a) Local Authority	... ..	4,285
(b) Private Enterprise	... ..	12,272
Total		<u>16,557</u>

GRANTS BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY TO PRIVATE OWNERS

	<u>Received</u>		<u>Approved</u>	
	Applications	No. of Dwellings	Applications	No. of Dwellings
Improvement Grants	32	54	27	43
Standard Grants	25	25	25	25

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following Table shows the number of notifications of infectious diseases in the town during the year.

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED</u>
Measles	85
Dysentery	-
Scarlet Fever	32
Whooping Cough	8
Infective Jaundice	8
Tuberculosis (a) Respiratory	4
(b) Meninges and C.N.S.	-
(c) Other forms	1
Diphtheria	-
Tetanus	-
Acute Meningitis	-
Acute Encephalitis (a) Infective	-
(b) Post-infectious	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum	-
Acute Poliomyelitis (a) Paralytic	-
(b) Non-paralytic	-
Leptospirosis	-
Paratyphoid fever	-
Typhoid fever	-
Food Poisoning	4
Malaria	-
Leprosy	-
Erysipelas	-

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR 1969

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of
The Borough of Weston-super-Mare.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the sanitary administration of the Borough for the year 1969.

The general standard of housing in the Borough is good. Some houses still lack standard amenities and although grants are available for this purpose, owners of tenanted property show little interest in them. Houses in multiple occupation are not a particular problem to the department.

Routine inspection of food establishments continue to occupy a major part of the work of the department and although most food preparing premises comply with the structural standards of the Regulations there is ample room for improvement in food handling and general hygiene practices.

I should like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for the support given to me during the year, and to express my appreciation for the assistance and co-operation received from the officers and staff of other departments.

Yours faithfully

G. P. Lawrence

Chief Public Health Inspector

HOUSING

It is essential that the nation's housing stock should be preserved, 28% of which is substandard. However, to demolish all those houses would be uneconomical and in many areas unacceptable. The whole point of improvement grants is to save these older houses.

Clearance Area schemes in the Borough were completed some years ago, but periodically individual unfit houses are dealt with and recommended for closing or demolition. Invariably occupants of these houses express a desire to be rehoused in the areas they have lived for so many years.

Action taken during year:-

Number of houses included in Clearance Area for which Orders are still to be made	...	Nil
Number of houses in Clearance Areas which have been patched for temporary accommodation Under Section 48 of the Housing Act, 1957	...	Nil
Number of houses closed or demolished under Section 42 of the Housing Act, 1957 (Clearance Areas)	...	Nil
House Act, 1957 (Section 17 - Individual Unfits)		
Number of houses lost:-		
(i) (a) Houses demolished	...	Nil
(b) Houses closed	...	2
(ii) For other purposes (road improvements, etc.)	...	Nil
Number of houses declared unfit under:-		
(i) Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957	...	1
(ii) Section 72 of the Housing Act, 1969	...	Nil
Number of houses made fit during year	...	20
Number of unfit houses occupied under licence	...	Nil
Houses in multiple occupation (Housing Acts 1961 to 1969)	...	Nil
Reconditioning of condemned houses	...	Nil
Exclusion from Clearance/Demolition Orders	...	Nil
Substitution of Closing Order for Demolition Order (Housing Act, 1961)	...	Nil
General Improvement Areas - Number of Areas so defined	...	Nil

Improvement Grants - Number of applications and houses dealt with by Local Authority during year:-

	Up to August 1969				After August 1969			
	Received		Approved		Received		Approved	
	Appli-cations	No. of Dwell-ings	Appli-cations	No. of Dwell-ings	Appli-cations	No. of Dwell-ings	Appli-cations	No. of Dwell-ings
Improvement Grants	23	29	13	18	19	26	14	25
Standard Grants	17	17	17	17	8	8	8	8
Special Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Rent Act, 1957 - Certificates of Disrepair

No Certificates of Disrepair were issued during 1969.

Housing Inspections

Housing Acts	367
Public Health Acts	1049
Visits re Improvement Grants	68
Miscellaneous	43

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors).

	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupier Prosecuted
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	16	7	-	-
Factories not included in 1, in which Section 7 is enforced by L.A.	160	48	1	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding outworkers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Totals	176	55	1	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	1	-	1	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	-	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork.)	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	2	-	1	1	-

3. Outwork - Sections 133 and 134 of the Factories Act, 1961

Nature of Work	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1)	Section 134 Notices served
Wearing apparel (making etc.) cleaning and washing	93	-

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT

	<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Seasonal</u>
Number of single caravans licensed	3	-
Number of site licences issued in respect of more than one caravan	3	7
Estimated maximum number of occupants resident during year	168	16,000
Number of sites closed	-	-
Camping sites - number of unlicensed sites in use	-	-

Improvements carried out as a result of the introduction of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act have raised the general standard of caravan sites to a satisfactory level and few complaints are now received from caravanners during the holiday period.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

One of the most effective ways in which surface infestations by rats can be kept down is by the regular laying of a recommended rodenticide in the sewer systems. Sewers provide rats with shelter and food in an underground system connecting all parts of the district so the basis of a rat free town is said to be a rat free sewer system.

Two such treatments were carried out in the sewers during the year which revealed only slight infestation.

	<u>Type of property</u>	
	<u>Non Agriculture</u>	<u>Agriculture</u>
Number of properties in district	20,021	47
(a) Total No. of properties (including nearby premises) insp. following notification	167	3
(b) No. infested by (i) Rats	161	3
(ii) Mice	6	-
a. Total No. of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	7,168	-
b. No. infested by (i) Rats	8	-
(ii) Mice	4	-

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

<u>Class or workplace</u>	<u>No. of premises newly registered during the year</u>	<u>Total No. of registered premises at end of year</u>	<u>No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year</u>
Offices	13	199	88
Retail Shops	26	441	295
Wholesale shops, warehouses	1	29	5
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	16	72	38
Fuel storage depots	0	0	0
Total	56	741	426

No. of visits of all kinds (including general inspection) to Registered Premises = 819.

Class of workplace	No. of persons employed
Offices	1490
Retail Shops	2098
Wholesale departments, warehouses	149
Catering establishments open to the public	598
Canteens	15
Fuel storage depots	0
Total	4350
Total Males	1645
Total Females	2705

Exemptions = 0

Good lighting whether artificial or natural plays an important part in promoting the health, safety and welfare of those at work in offices and shops. The level of illumination must correspond to the nature of the work being undertaken. Most people prefer to work in daylight.

Failure to maintain premises at the required temperature was the most frequent contravention of the Act encountered.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

1.65 inspections were made during the year under the provisions of the Shops Act, 1934 - 1950, dealing with general closing hours and hours of employment.

ICE CREAM

Number of premises registered:-

(a) Manufacture and Retail 2
(b) Retail only 250

Total Samples	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
47	15	13	8	11
Percentages	31.9	27.6	17.0	23.4

CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS AND FOOD HYGIENE

Adequate inspection of premises and health education of food handlers are most important in securing the improvement of food hygiene standards. Traders handling various susceptible foods on premises that do not lend themselves to the highest standards present the greatest danger. The number of licensed premises selling snacks and similar quick meals is on the increase and the standard of hygiene at some leave much to be desired.

The housewife still appears to be largely apathetic as far as food hygiene is concerned and except from banishing cats from shop windows shows little interest. Housewives can close an unhygienic shop much quicker than the health department, simply by withdrawing their custom. They should, therefore, insist on the standards which they are prepared to accept.

FOOD PREMISES SUBJECT TO THE FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS

No. of premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	662
No. of premises fitted to comply with Reg. 16	...	...	...	...	...	...	662
No. of premises to which Reg. 19 applies	...	...	...	...	...	...	589
No. of premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19	...	...	...	...	...	...	589

Food Premises

Bakers and Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	...	47
Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	88
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	63
Restaurants, cafes, snack bars, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	118
Hotels, Private Hotels and Boarding Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	298

Inspection of Food Premises

Abattoir	...	...	...	...	...	...	714
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	48
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	...	225
Catering Establishments	...	...	...	...	...	...	627
Dairies and Milk Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	64
Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	106
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	416
Ice Cream Shops and premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	72
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	153
Confectionary	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
Sweets and Tobacco	...	...	...	...	...	...	111
Food premises for condemnation of food stuffs	...	...	...	...	...	...	142
Other food premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	107

Samples Taken

Drinking Water	13
Food	149
Ice Cream	47
Milk	51
Swimming Bath Water	42

Unsound Food condemned in the Town

Meat, Fish, etc.	1500 lbs.
Canned Goods	1332
Packeted Goods	175
Frozen Foods	2135

FOOD AND DRUGS

Although the number of complaints of food adulteration have decreased appreciably in recent years, all complaints have to be carefully investigated, the facts correlated and assessed. Further action depended upon whether, if the complaint is of a foreign body, it is intrinsically harmful. If mouldy food is involved the question of negligence should be taken into account.

FOOD AND DRUGS

amples taken during 1969 = 149

Samples	Result	No.	Samples	Result
Pure Olive Oil	Genuine	1	Faggots	Genuine
Mushroom Ketchup	"	1	Cornish Pasty Filling	Unsat.Lab.
Soups	"	1	Meat Galantine	" "
Cooking Oil	"	1	Tuna Fish	Genuine
Pork Sausages	"	1	Cured Pork	"
Red Plums	"	1	Pork Pie	"
Bilberry Pie Filling	"	1	Malt Vinegar	"
Butter Beans	"	1	Plums in Syrup	"
Cider Cup	"	1	Minced Beef	"
Mushroom Powder	"	1	Concentrated Orange Squash	"
Full Fat Soft Cheese	"	1	Fru-Grains	"
Sterilised Milks	"	1	Plum Jam	"
Pasteurised Milks	"	1	Plain Flour	"
Channel Island Milk	"	1	Pineapple Pie-filling	"
Apple Pie	"	2	Sweet Magic	"
Fruit Malt Loaf	"	1	Condensed Milk	"
Blackcurrant & Apple Pie	"	1	Nite Cup	"
Cream	"	1	Ground Bay Leaves	"
Bronchial Mixture	"	1	Prawns	"
Low Sugar Jam	"	1	Pork & Beef Sausages	"
Chicken Dinner	"	1	Long Life Milk	"
Somerset Soft Cheese	"	1	Instant Stir	"
Soup	Unsatis.Lab.	1	Sardines in Pure Olive Oil	"
Picnio Pork	Unsatis.	1	Milk	"
Butter	Def. in meat.	1	Grapefruit Segments	"
Steak & Kidney Pies	Genuine	1	Mince Pies	"
Oregano	"	1	Orange Drink	"
Cidercup	"	1	Gooseberry Pie	"
Coconut Scotch	"	1	Chili Powder	Unsat.Lab.
Margarine	"	1	Capers in Malt Vinegar	Genuine
Meat Balls in beef Gravy	"	1	Curry Sauce Mix	"
Mallow Creams	"	1	Irish Stew	"
Black Pudding	"	1	Fruit Salad	"
Curry Rice	"	1	Subahdor	"
MilkChoc. Easter Egg	"	1	Meat Tenderizer	"
Prime Chunky Steak	"	1	Ready Dinner	"
Thick Beef Burgers	"	1	Egg Macaroni Bows Buitoni	"
All Butter Madeira Cake	"	1	Blackcurrant Rum Jam	"
Crunchy Choc. Creams	"	1	Fruit Sauce	"
Evap. Milk	"	1	Mixed Fruit	"
Cherry Jam	"	1	Herringsfillets	"
Meat Balls in Tomato Sauce	"	1	Pineapple Cubes	"
Bacon Grill	"	1	Grapefruit Juice	"
Custard	"	2	Christmas Pudding	"
Sauce Tartar	"	1	Self Raising Flour	"
Lamb Garni	"	1	Lemonade Shandy	"
Angel Delight	"	1	Cherries for Cocktails	Unsat.Lab.
Chicken Breast in Jelly	"	1	Mint Sauce Concentrated	" "
Curried Beef & Vegetables	"	1	Chicken in Broth	Genuine
Ice Lolly Syrup	"	1	Malted Milk	"
E.G. Formula	"	1	Chestnut Puree	"
Milk Choc. Marshmallows	"	1	Curry Pickle	"
Horseradish Sauce	"	1	Vegetable Juice	"
Pilchards	"	1	Mincemeat	"
Soft Brown Sugar	"			
Shandy	"		<u>Formal Samples</u>	
Lard	"	1	Whisky	Genuine
Salt	"	1	Brandy	"
Chicken & Mushroom Pie	"	1	Rum	"
Liver & Bacon Croquettes	"			
Shrimp Chow Mein	"			
Raspberry Jam	"			
Curried Beans	"			
Fresh Cream Apple Turnovers	"			
Flaked Rice	"			

DAIRIES AND MILK SHOPS

No. of Registered Distributors	84
No. of registered dairy premises (Other than dairy farms)	16

51 samples of designated milks were examined and the results were as follows:

Designation	Samples Taken	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Pasteurised	51	39	12
Sterilised	-	-	-

Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus - No. of samples of raw milk examined -
= Nil.

THE LIQUID EGG (PASTEURISATION) REGULATIONS, 1963

There are no pasteurisation plants in the district.

DRINKING WATER

15 samples were taken and all but one were found to be satisfactory.

SWIMMING BATH WATER

42 samples of swimming bath water from the open air swimming pool and Knightstone Baths were submitted for bacteriological analysis, and 3 were found to be doubtful.

Names of Bath	Main sea other	Recircul- Filtra- lation tion	Chlorination Automatic Hand
Knightstone Baths	- yes -	yes yes	yes -
The Pool	- yes -	yes yes	yes -

LICENCES ISSUED FOR 1969

Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order	12
Pet Animals Act, 1951	6
Animal Boarding Establishments	2
Riding Establishments	7

SUMMARY OF VISITS BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

Total number of inspections and visits	7914
Nuisances or complaints	301
Drainage inspections	502
Infectious Disease visits	14
Public Conveniences	42
Public & Private Refuse Tips	333
Shop Act Inspections	165
Smoke Abatement	83
Stables & Piggeries	47
Caravan Sites	156
Noise Nuisances	193
Disease of Animals Waste Food Order	13
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises	819

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disinfections	...	...	...	...	...	<u>Rooms</u>	<u>Articles</u>
Articles destroyed		= 6				86	194

INSPECTION OF MEAT

There was a further decrease in the incidence of Cysticercosis Bovis in carcasses inspected at the Abattoir.

The erection of a field laboratory for the Agricultural Research Council has now been completed, thus enhancing the importance of the Abattoir for research purposes.

Meat inspection continued at the accepted high standard at which it has been maintained over a long period.

ANIMALS KILLED AT THE PUBLIC ABATTOIR

	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969
Pigs	17,660	16,463	18,527	20,532	21,244
Sheep	17,462	40,192	53,038	44,502	35,629
Calves	166	227	975	639	377
Beasts	5,174	7,321	8,076	8,156	8,165

CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART DURING 1969

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	5834	2331	377	35629	21244
Number inspected	5834	2331	377	35629	21244
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	3	45	17	366	183
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1691	1069	5	9074	5840
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	29.0	47.7	5.8	25.4	28.3
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	134
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	.6
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned	6	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	7	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Weight of meat condemned (in lbs.) for:-					
(a) Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	1509
(b) Cysticercosis	576	174	-	-	-
(c) Other	74581	71216	1138	85583	81473
Total (in lbs.) condemned	75157	71390	1138	85583	82982

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART DURING YEAR

	CATTLE		COWS		CALVES		SHEEP		PIGS	
	Carc.	Other	Carc.	Other	Carc.	Other	Carc.	Other	Carc.	Other
Abscesses	1	491	-	134	-	1	1	21	17	147
Actinobacillosis	-	9	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Actinomycosis	-	7	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Angioma (Teleg.)	-	5	-	834	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arthritis	-	1	-	6	-	-	1	21	2	37
Ascarides	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1062
Bacterial Necrosis	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bruising	-	45	2	94	1	2	1	38	1	105
Carcinoma	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Cirrhosis	-	68	-	197	-	-	-	1	-	31
Congestion	-	8	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1341
Contaminated	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	8
Cystic	-	13	-	80	-	-	-	6155	-	59
Cysticercosis Bovis	-	3	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Decomposition	-	1	-	5	-	-	-	6	1	10
Deformed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53	-	-
Emaciation	-	-	-	1	-	-	44	2	4	-
Enteritis	-	98	-	21	-	-	-	71	-	385
Dropsy	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	1	1
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Emphysema	-	35	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	3
Fascioliasis	-	2357	-	597	-	-	-	4472	-	11
Fatty Change	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Fever	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	17	3
Gangrene	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	7	4
Glanders Disease	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	42	-	850
Haematoma	-	23	-	52	-	-	-	-	-	5
Haemorrhages	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hydraemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	189	-	-
Hydro-Nephrosis	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Immaturity	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Inflammation	-	57	-	25	-	-	-	14	-	1
Injury	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Johne's Disease	-	35	-	397	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jaundice	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Lymphoma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Mastitis	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Melanosis	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-
Metaplasia	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Milk Spots	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
Moribund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Nephritis	-	29	-	150	-	-	-	-	-	55
Necrosis	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-
Oedema	-	2	29	14	8	-	253	128	35	1310
Parasites	-	7	-	42	-	-	-	13046	-	26
Pericarditis	-	97	-	79	-	-	-	64	-	155
Peritonitis	-	1208	-	571	-	-	-	339	-	1655
Pleurisy	-	485	-	208	1	1	-	228	2	864
Pneumonia	-	59	-	38	-	-	-	82	-	3950
Pyæmia	1	-	-	-	5	-	7	-	54	1
Pimply Guts	-	158	-	50	-	-	-	-	-	1639
Rash	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Septic	1	2	1	1	1	-	19	43	29	41
Septicaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Urticaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Steatosis	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	139
Tumour	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

METEOROLOGY 1969

TOTAL SUNSHINE HOURS 1582.7 (1407.4 hours in 1968) Ten year average 1527.9 hours.

TOTAL RAINFALL 30.91 ins. (30.75 ins. in 1968 - 11 months only) Ten year average 31.23 ins.

MEAN TEMPERATURE for the year was 51.0° Ten year average 50.7° .

HIGHEST MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE recorded during 1969 was 83° on 15th July.

LOWEST MINIMUM 23° on 16th February.

Sunshine hours for 1969 (1582.7 hours) were the highest since 1962 (1593.1 hours).

March - 79.5 hours - lowest since 1947 - 73.2 hours.

April - 228.3 hours - highest since 1954 - 230.7 hours.

June - 277.2 hours - highest since 1961 - 280.3 hours.

July - 221.9 hours - highest since 1959 - 249.0 hours.

Sept. - 102.3 hours - lowest since 1956 - 76.0 hours.

The wettest months were:

January	3.76 ins.	Ten year average	2.55 ins.
February	2.08 ins.	" " "	1.87 ins.
March	2.44 ins.	" " "	1.94 ins.
May	4.26 ins.	" " "	2.35 ins.
July	3.83 ins.	" " "	2.85 ins.
August	2.44 ins.	" " "	2.93 ins.
Nov.	4.54 ins.	" " "	3.33 ins.
Dec.	2.66 ins.	" " "	3.68 ins.

Snow or sleet fell on 16 days during the year:

6th January; 2nd, 7th, 8th, 13th, 19th, 26th, 27th and 28th February;
4th and 27th March; 17th, 18th, 19th, 29th and 31st December.

Ground Frost was recorded on 61 days:

January - 7 days; February - 14 days; March - 8 days; April - 5 days;
November - 10 days; December - 17 days.

Fog was recorded on 14 days:

January - 3 days; February - 3 days; March - 1 day; October - 5 days;
December - 2 days.

Thunder was recorded on 6 days:

January - 1 day; July - 1 day; August - 3 days; October - 1 day.

Gales were recorded on 16 days:

January - 4 days; April - 1 day; June - 1 day; July - 1 day;
August - 3 days; September - 2 days; November - 4 days.

MONTHLY RESULTS OF METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS 1969

	TEMPERATURES						RAINFALL				SUNSHINE		Number of Days								
	Means			High- est Max.			Low- est Min.	Total inches	* 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. ins.	6 p.m. * to 9 a.m. ins.	No. Days or over .04"	Total hours	Daily Aver- age hours	Snow or sleet	Snow lying	Hail	Thunder heard	Fog	Air Frost	Ground Frost +		Gale
	Max.	Min.	Range		Mean																
January	48.6	40.4	7.6	44.2	55	29	3.76	1.45	2.31	16	34.8	1.12	1	-	1	1	3	-	7	4	41.1
February	41.0	32.5	8.5	36.7	53	23	2.08	.73	1.35	9	70.1	2.50	8	2	1	-	3	-	14	-	38.3
March	46.2	35.0	11.2	41.6	55	25	2.44	.19	2.25	10	79.5	2.56	2	-	-	-	1	6	8	-	41.0
April	55.1	40.3	14.8	47.7	69	31	1.61	.23	1.38	9	228.3	7.61	-	-	-	-	-	2	5	1	51.7
May	59.7	47.2	12.5	53.5	69	39	4.26	1.00	3.26	20	155.3	5.00	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	54.1
June	67.3	51.6	15.7	59.4	78	43	1.11	.26	.85	8	277.2	9.24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	58.8
July	70.2	57.0	13.2	63.6	83	45	3.83	.47	3.36	3	221.9	7.15	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	63.6
August	69.2	57.3	11.9	63.2	80	51	2.44	.15	2.29	7	176.0	5.67	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3	63.7
September	64.5	53.4	11.1	58.9	71	38	1.52	.18	1.34	6	102.3	3.41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	59.3
October	63.0	51.4	11.6	57.2	74	41	.66	.12	.54	3	109.4	3.52	-	-	-	1	5	-	-	-	56.4
November	50.0	40.2	9.8	45.1	61	29	4.54	.66	3.88	15	82.8	2.76	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	4	49.0
December	44.3	36.0	8.3	40.1	54	29	2.66	.54	2.12	13	45.1	1.45	5	1	-	-	2	-	17	-	43.0
Means & Totals	56.5	45.2	11.3	51.0	67.0	35.2	30.91	5.98	24.93	119	1582.7	4.33	16	3	3	6	14	8	61	16	51.6

* 10 a.m. British Standard Time + When Grass Min. Thermometer reads below 32°F

